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- Impact of loss of Cuban/Nicaraguan support on the insurgency
  - operations
  - morale
  - long-term viability
- Impact of unrestricted Cuban and Nicaraguan assistance to guerrillas.
- Evidence of a Cuban directed/supported offensive in El Salvador in the last September-October time-frame. (S)

It is recognized that this is a tall order and that time is short. Our cause is, however, most pressing. When the Congress returns next week, we will be resuming a regular schedule of classified briefings at the White House in order to build support for the President's programs in El Salvador and sustaining the efforts of the Nicaraguan Democratic Resistance forces. The information detailed above will be invaluable to this endeavor. Because we have so little time, we would be glad to accept whatever you can provide as it is developed by CAJIT or other sources. The NSC point of contact on this matter is Oliver North, NSC Staff (Telephone: 395-3345). (S)

  
for Robert C. McFarlane

cc: ✓ The Honorable William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence

  
Director, IC Staff

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MEMORANDUM FOR LTG JAMES A. WILLIAMS  
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Central American Intelligence Support (S)

The forthcoming effort to obtain Presidentially requested Security Assistance Resources from the Congress makes it imperative that we be as "well armed" as possible. In the days ahead, the NSC Staff will be providing a series of White House briefings to supportive Senators and Congressmen at the Top Secret/Codeword level as a means of building support for the President's policy and his funding requests. Relevant intelligence material will be an essential part of these briefings. The CAJIT assets and resources would be invaluable in supporting this effort. (S)

The following information would be most helpful:

- Evidence of Soviet/Soviet Bloc/Cuban and Nicaraguan support for the guerrillas in El Salvador.
- Evidence of Soviet/Soviet Bloc and Cuban military/security support for the Sandinistas during the past year.
- If possible, the information should utilize all source material and show trends/changes in patterns as indicated in
  - COMINT
  - HUMINT (Both CIA and DAO reporting)
  - Available Imagery (S)

Specific information is being sought on the following matters:

- Evidence of direct and indirect Soviet and/or Cuban involvement in Salvadoran guerrilla effort, including activities of Cuban Americas Department Chief.

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- HUMINT reporting on Cuban initiated/instigated plans for the guerrillas.

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- evidence of Cuban pressure for factional coordination and cooperation in El Salvadoran guerrilla military/terrorist operations.
- Any available info on how Cubans send supplies to Nicaragua for further transfer to El Salvador guerrillas.
- CIA reports on Cuban and Nicaraguan special ops organizations' association with this effort.
- report(s) on use of regularly scheduled Air Cubana flights to ship arms to guerrillas.
- Available info on amount of supplies transferred to Salvadoran guerrillas by Cuba/Nicaragua.
- Available photography of supply depots/nodes in Nicaragua by which supplies are going to El Salvador.
  - warehouses
  - ports (include associated ships and boats)
  - airfields (include associated aircraft)
  - transportation modes/vehicles/aircraft
- Available photography of locations in El Salvador to which supplies are shipped or locations in Honduras which serve as transit/storage points.
- Any evidence linking guerrilla supply cycle to guerrilla ops cycle.
- Info on guerrilla leadership use of Nicaragua as a safe-haven.
- Any available evidence/imagery of Salvadoran Guerrilla C<sup>3</sup> sites in Nicaragua/Honduras.
- Ability of Cubans and Nicaraguans to conceal their assistance to Salvadoran guerrillas.
- Suspicious Cuban/Nicaraguan activity pointing to a greater level of support than has yet been detected.
  - activity at Port Vacassonte, Panama
  - suspicious cargo on merchant shipping going from Cuba to Nicaragua (consult with NOIC)
  - suspicious air activity
  - role of Cuban Generals Ochoa and Escalante in Nicaragua
- Intelligence gaps preventing more detailed knowledge about the true extent of support.

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